three years till date for strict implementation of the penal provisions in the Cinematograph Act, 1952 in this regard ?

THE "DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS)i (a) and (b) There have been news-paper rej>orts from time to time regarding screening of uncertified video films in con-travention of the provisions of the Cine-matograph Act, 1952. Such contraventions include exhibiting portions not shown to the Central Board of Film Certification or showing portions ordered by the Board for deletion or showing bits of a blue film.

(c) The responsibility for enforcing the penal provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 rests with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. They have'been requested, time and again. to strictly enforce the legal provisions. On 18-12-1991, a letter was sent to the Chief Ministers/Administrators of the States/ Union Territories, as the case may be. The replies received from them indicate that most of them have, in turn, taken up the matter with the law enforcing agencies for appropriate action in this regard.

**Imposition of Licence fees on users of hired transponders**

1259. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of transponders hired so for, from foreign satellites by the Indian agencies;

(b) what are the details thereof;

(c) whether transmission and receipts from such transponders affect the earnings of Doordarshan;

(d) if so, to what extent and what is the remedy for the same; and

(e) whether Government propose any schefinto impose certain amount as licence fees on transponder users to bring revenue to Government ?

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THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Government have eo far hired, for varying periods of time, transponders from the following agencies:

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| (i) INTELSAT . . | —3/4 |
| (ii) INTERSPUTNIK . | —1 |
| (iii) ARABSAT . . . | —12 |

(c) These transponders have been hired for use by Government agencies.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Norms for Coverage of Political Activities

1260. SHRI MENTAY PADMANA-BHAM: Will the Minister of INFORMA TION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received any reports from the public protesting against bias of the Hyderabad Doordarshan Kendra; and

(b) what are the norms laid down by Government for the coverage of the acti vities of political parties by Doordarshan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) While telecasting news in respect of various political parties the following guidelines and norms are followed by Doordarshan:—

(i) Political activities are noticed based on their newsworthiness.

(ii) Unbiased reporting of the news in respect of all the political parties.

(iii) Coverage of differing view points in the same buHetin to the extent possible.

**Coverage of important political programmes**

1261. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pteasea to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have laid down specific norms regarding